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8	UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT		
9	FOR EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA		
10	FRESNO I	DISTRICT	
11	In re:) CASE NO. 2009-60548-B-7F	
12	MILTON PETER BARBIS, and HEIDI ELIZABETH BARBIS,	Chapter 7	
13	Debtors,) D.C. No. REH-1	
14	Decitors,	} D.C. THE REAL T	
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16	DEBTORS' EX-PARTE MOTION TO REOPEN CASE		
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18	TO THE HONORABLE W. RICHARD UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUI		
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20	motion to reopen this case pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §350(b) and Fed.R.Bankr. 5010,		
21	as follows:		
22	1. The Debtors received their di	scharge in this case on February 4, 2010.	
23	An Order Approving Trustee's Report of No Distribution, Discharging Trustee and		
24	closing Estate was entered on September 21, 2010.		
25	2. The Debtors are informed and now believe that the Debtors failed to		
26	disclose in their bankruptcy schedules, Milton Barbis' and Heidi Barbis' interest,		
27	as Plaintiffs, in a lawsuit pending in the U	Inited States District Court for the Eastern	ì

District of California, Case No. 11-cv-00622 LJO SKO, (Fresno Rock Taco LLC,

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1	Zone Sports Center, LLC, The Fine Irishman LLC; Milton Barbis; Heidi Barbis;	
2	Heidi Barbis as guardian at litem for Claire Barbis, a minor; v. Ben Rodriguez;	
3	Brendan Rhames; The City of Fresno). The Debtors believe that these funds may	
4	be the property of the estate.	
5	3. The debtors requests the case be reopened pursuant to U.S.C. §350(b)	
6	and Fed.R.Bankr.P 5010, to allow the funds to be administered by the trustee for	
7	the benefit of the creditors.	
8	4. In the event the case is reopened, the Debtors request the court order the	
9	appointment of a trustee. A trustee is necessary at this time to protect the interests	
10	of the creditors and the Debtors to insure efficient administration of the estate.	
11	WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Debtors request that their	
12	motion to reopen be granted, and that they have such other and further relief as is	
13	just.	
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15	Dated: November 8, 2011 Respectfully Submitted	
16	Milton Peter Barbis and	
17	Heidi Elizabeth Barbis, Debtors	
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19	By: <u>/s/ Richard Hamlish</u> Attorney for Debtors	
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DECLARATION OF RICHARD HAMLISH

- I, Richard Hamlish, do hereby declare I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth within this declaration, and if called to testify as a witness, I could and would competently testify thereto:
- 1. I am an attorney licensed to practice in the courts of the State of California, the United States District Courts for the Northen, Southern, Eastern and Central Districts of California, the District of Arizona, the Eastern District of Wisconsin, the Western District of Washington, the United States Tax Court, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court.
- 2. I represent Zone Sports Center, LLC, (hereinafter "ZSC"), Fresno Rock Taco, LLC (hereinafter "FRT") and the Fine Irishman (hereinafter "TFI"), Milton Barbis, Heidi Barbis and the minor Claire Barbis in an underlying case pending in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California [Case No. 11-cv-00622 LJO SKO, (Fresno Rock Taco LLC, Zone Sports Center, LLC, The Fine Irishman LLC; Milton Barbis; Heidi Barbis; Heidi Barbis as guardian at litem for Claire Barbis, a minor; v. Ben Rodriguez; Brendan Rhames; The City of Fresno.]
- 3. I maintain offices at 910 Hampshire Road, Suite G, Westlake Village, California.
- 4. I maintain in my files the conformed copies of all documents I filed in this matter and any documents served on me by the other parties.
- 5. During the last week of August 2010, I was contacted by a client who advised me that he had referred Milton Barbis and other business persons who had been investors with Barbis, to me.
- 6. Shortly thereafter, I had a meeting with six persons including Milton Barbis who were investors/members of ZSC. The meeting lasted approximately four hours during which these persons explained to me the entire history of ZSC and its relationship to FRT.

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- 7. I was also informed that Barbis had filed a Chapter 7 bankruptcy and that the bankruptcy had been discharged
- 8. I was shown many documents concerning the businesses ZSC, FRT and the TFI.
- 9. At some date after the initial meeting and September 13, 2010, I was advised that law enforcement had obtained a search warrant to search the premises of FRT, ZSC, TFI as well as the residence of Milton and Heidi Barbis and that law enforcement was still in possession of the documents seized.
- 10. At that time, I had no reason to believe that the search warrant was not based on a facially valid search warrant and that the search and seizure were not conducted within the guidelines of the Fourth Amendment.
- I did not ask of the circumstances of the search and seizure nor did Barbis disclose to me that there was any suspicion that law enforcement officer did not act lawfully.
- 12. I did not ask Barbis if any claim was filed against any law enforcement agency regarding the search and seizure and did not ask if the search and seizure had been disclosed in the bankruptcy.
- 13. On or about January 11, 2011, pursuant to discovery in another lawsuit, I took the deposition of Alex Costa, one of two informants the law enforcement officers relied upon in the affidavit in support of the search warrant. At the deposition, Mr. Costa reviewed the affidavit in support of the search warrant and testified that he did not state many of the things attributed to him in the affidavit in support of the search warrant and many of the statements attributed to him were not true.
- 14. On or about January 11, 2011, Roger Brown, the other informant for law enforcement in the obtaining of the search warrant, filed a verified answer under penalty of perjury, that he did not make statements attributed to him by law enforcement in the affidavit in support of the search warrant.

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1	15. Upon further investigation, on April 16, 2011, I drafted and filed a	
2	complaint in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California	
3	[Case No. 11-cv-00622 LJO SKO].	
4	16. The conduct complained of in the Case No. 11-cv-00622 LJO SKO	
5	took place on May 28, 2009, several months before Milton and Heidi Barbis filed	
6	their bankruptcy.	
7	17. Milton and Heidi Barbis did not discover that they had a claim against	
8	these defendants until I examined the search warrant, the affidavit in support of the	
9	search warrant, and took the deposition of Alex Costa and examined the verified	
10	answer under penalty of perjury by Roger Brown.	
11	18. It appears to this counsel that the claims by Milton and Heidi Barbis	
12	although not known to them at the time of the filing of bankruptcy or even when	
13	the bankruptcy was discharged, are the property of the estate because the actual	
14	claim took place prior to the filing of the bankruptcy.	
15	19. Based on the foregoing, the Debtors, through their counsel, pray the	
16	Court order the case be reopened and a trustee by appointed to administer the	
17	funds. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and	
18	correct. Executed at Westlake Village, California.	
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20	Dated: November 10, 2011 i/s/i	
21	RICHARD HAMLISH	
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W. RICHARD LEE United States Bankruptcy Judge

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